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1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM (A), PUERTO RICO IS ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES ON WHICH WE WILL NEED THE CLOSE ATTENTION AND SUPPORT OF ADDRESSEE POSTS IN 1976. AS WITH THE OTHER TWO ISSUES WHICH WE IDENTIFIED TO POSTS LAST FALL AS BEING ISSUES OF PRIORITY OF U.S. CONCERN IN THE UN SYSTEM, PUERTO RICO IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT INVOLVES A QUESTION OF STATUS. WHILE THE ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES ARE NOT BINDING ON US AND WE ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ASSEMBLY DOES HAVE THE CAPACITY TO GIVE OR WITHHOLD STATUS. JUST AS WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS OF ISRAEL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATUS OF SOUTH KOREA AS A STATE WHICH CAN BE MOVED TOWARDS OR AWAY FROM INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE, SO WE MUST BE CONCERNED WITH THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO. IN ADDITION, USG ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY ATTACK

REGARDING THE STATUS OF US SOIL AND US CITIZENS. THE MAIN ISSUE BEFORE US INVOLVES CUBAN EFFORTS TO: (1) CANCEL OR REVOKE GA 1953 LEGIMITIZATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PUERTO RICO'S 1952 ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; (2) OBTAIN FOR THE PUERTO RICAN QUOTE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT UNQUOTE STATUS AS AN OBSERVER TO THE UN.

2. LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 30, 1975, ISSUED FINAL DOCUMENTS ENTITLED QUOTE LIMA PROGRAMME FOR ;UTUAL A ISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY UNQUOTE (REF B), PARAGRAPH 85 OF WHICH QUOTE URGES THE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO CARRY OUT ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE AND TO OFFER THEIR FULL SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT THAT IT MAY ATTAIN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. THE CONFERENCE LIKEWISE URGES THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION TO RECOGNIZE THE MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, TO REQUEST

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION TO SEND A MISSION TO VISIT THAT TERRITORY UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION, AND TO DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CEASE ALL POLITICAL OR REPRESSIVE MANEUVERS INTENDED TO PERPETUATE THE COLONIAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO UNQUOTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LIMA NAC DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

3. FOR ABOVE REASON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CAPITALS, EXCEPT THOSE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 9 BELOW, ESTABLISH AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF HOST GOVERNMENT ESSENTIALS OF U.S. POSITION AS DEFINED IN A-7654 THAT HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE WILL BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED BY USG. THIS EFFORT SHOULD NOT BE A SINGLE ONE-SUBJECT DEMARCHE BUT SHOULD BE PART OF CONTINUING BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH A RANGE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONCERNS ARE DISCUSSED. EMPHASIS ON HIGH IMPORTANCE TO USG AND POTENTIAL RELATIONSHIP TO BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE PROVIDED ORALLY.

4. IN NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS, U.S. ANNOYANCE AT INCLUSION BY LIMA NAG OF CUBAN LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO IN FINAL DOCUMENTS (PARA 2) GIVEN TO UN ON SEPTEMBER 5 SHOULD BE UNDERLINED EARLY IN THIS EFFORT IF NOT ALREADY DONE. POSTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT USG VIEWS THOSE WHO ENDORSE SUCH LANGUAGE AS ADVOCATING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL

US AFFAIRS. HOST GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ASKED IF IT EVER TOOK POSITION AT LIMA FAVORING THIS LANGUAGE. IF IT DID NOT, WE SHOULD ASK IT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR WHENEVER AGENDA ITEM OR RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO ARISES IN PREPARATIONS FOR NAC SUMMIT. IF HOST GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO DEFEND PUERTO RICAN ITEM, IT MAY AS APPROPRIATE BE ASKED IF IT EVER PROPOSED PLACING ON NAG OR UN AGENDA QUESTION OF LITHUANIAN, LATVIA, AND BALTIC PEOPLES, NONE OF WHOSE PEOPLES EVER HAD OPPORTUNITY COMPARABLE TO THAT WHICH PUERTO RICANS HAVE REPEATEDLY HAD TO EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCES ON THE NATURE OR LACK OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. OTHER INSTANCES CLOSER TO HOME MAY BE CITED AT POSTS DISCRETION.

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5. IN CASE OF CAPITALS OF CERTAIN STATES MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING GROUP (KUWAIT, LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, PERU, SENEGAL, SOMALIA AND ZAIRE) WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERING AGENDA PROPOSALS FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, THESE CONVERSATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED PROMPTLY WITH REACTIONS REPORTED BY MARCH 15. POSTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY ACTION FOR THE TIME BEING WITH THE FOLLOWING HOST GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING GROUP SINCE THEY ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24: INDIA, MALI, SYRIA, TANZANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

6. IN CASE OF G-77 MEMBERS WHICH ARE NOT IN NON-ALIGNED GROUP, POSTS SHOULD - RECALLING ALGERIAN RAILROADING

THROUGH OF CUBAN RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO AT A G-77
DAKAR MEETING IN FEBRUARY, 1974 - EXPRESS SATISFACTION
THAT THIS TYPE OF THING WAS AVOIDED AT MANILA MEETING
THIS MONTH.

7. POSTS IN WESTERN EUROPE MAY WISH INFORM HOST GOVERN-
MENTS OF U.S. EFFORT RATHER THAN MAKE THEM AN OBJECT OF
THE EFFORT.

8. POSTS IN CO,MUNI T CAPITALS SHOULD USE THIS
CABLE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS AT THEIR DISCRETION
RAISING ISSUE AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE. SOVIETS AND
EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE NOT INSTIGATED UN ATTENTION TO
THIS ISSUE BUT HAVE SUPPORTED CUBAN INITIATIVES AND
OCCASIONALLY RECEIVE OFFICIALLY PUERTO RICAN INDEPEN-
DENTISTAS AND SOCIALISTS AND GIVE THEM PUBLICITY.

9. CAPITALS OF COMMITTEE OF 24 MEMBERS SHOULD NOT ACT AT
THIS TIME ON THIS INSTRUCTION AS THEY WILL RECEIVE
SEPARATE INSTRUCTION. THESE POSTS ARE: ABIDJAN, ADDIS

ABABA, BAGHDAD, BAMAKO, BELGRADE, CANBERRA, DAMASCUS,
DAR ES SALAAM, JAKARTA, FREETOWN, KABUL, MOSCOW, NEW
DELHI, OSLO, PEKING, PORT OF SPAIN, PRAGUE, SANTIAGO,
SOFIA, SUVA, TEHRAN, TUNIS.

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10. FOR USUN: MISSION SHOULD USE FOREGOING WITH ALL
PERMREPS OF NAG CC MEMBERS LISTED IN PARA 5 ABOVE AND
REPORT ANY INDICATIONS THAT PUERTO RICO BEING PRESSED
AS ITEM FOR NAG AGENDA. INGERSOLL

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BEIRUT, SUVA, AND VIENTIANE.

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